

# ERIE EDITION

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## ERIE TAKES FIRST STEP TOWARDS KING SOOPERS SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT



During their October 28th meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an agreement giving the Town the exclusive option to purchase a twenty-acre site for the development of a King Soopers-anchored shopping center at the northwest corner of Highway 7 and Sheridan in Erie.

Mayor Tina Harris confirmed that King Soopers has notified the Town of their interest in constructing a 125,000 sq. ft. King Soopers MarketPlace at this location.

**“Erie residents have hungered for a King Soopers for years. I am happy to say the wait will soon be over,”** said Mayor Tina Harris. **“The Town has worked diligently to attract top retailers such as King Soopers – and I’m confident this is only the beginning,”** Harris said.

According to King Soopers, their Marketplace store is more than twice the size of their conventional store and designed as a one-stop “lifestyle” shopping destination. Along with the large variety of fresh foods, it has been expanded to include locally grown produce. Customers will also find what they need for home fashion and décor, bed and bath, kitchen and small appliances, home office and toys. MarketPlace stores often include adjacent inline retail stores and several stand-alone pad sites including a fuel station.

After approval of the option agreement, Mayor Harris said the next steps would include King Sooper’s submittal of a development application and the completion of a Development Agreement between the Town and King Soopers.

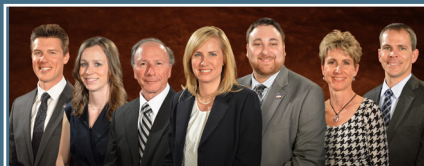
**“When I first joined Erie politics in 2006, the number one question I heard from that April day forward to today was - when are we getting another grocery store in Erie?,”** said Mayor Harris. **“I’m happy to say, after years of effort, if all goes according to plan King Soopers will break ground in March,”** Harris said.

**“King Soopers has been a priority issue for me since being elected Mayor last April. In fact, one of the first meetings I attended as Mayor was a sit down with executives from King Soopers and their Retail Sales Broker,”** said Mayor Harris. **“At that time they were still debating if the store would be in Erie or in Broomfield. I assured them they wanted to be in Erie and went about proving it in the subsequent months,”** Harris said.



According to the Mayor, this is a huge accomplishment for town staff; the current Board of Trustees and the two previous boards. **“Each Board from 2006 onward has worked diligently to bring a King Soopers to Erie,”** she said. **“To top it off we didn’t just get a King Soopers, we landed a 125,000 sq. ft. mega store that will draw customers, increasing Erie’s sales tax revenues.”**





## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Erie Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall Board Room located at 645 Holbrook Street. Contact the Board via email at [bot@erieco.gov](mailto:bot@erieco.gov) or by calling 303-926-2777, extension 1. The Trustee's individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

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# REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCAL & SUPPORT ERIE BUSINESSES

## A LETTER FROM MAYOR TINA HARRIS



I am asking all residents to join my family and me to make a commitment to shop local. If you have not already pledged to do so and need some reasons why, here are my top 5:

1. When you buy local, more money is kept in Erie because businesses often purchase from other local businesses and service providers and/or farms.
2. When you shop in Erie, you are simultaneously creating jobs, investing in neighborhood improvement and promoting community development.
3. Successful Erie businesses attract other businesses creating a healthy business culture.
4. Erie businesses support local non-profits which make our community better.
5. Buying local conserves energy & resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and packaging.

Now that you have reasons to shop local - here are a few ideas to help you support our Erie businesses.

### DOWNTOWN ERIE

Join me as I frequent our restaurants and brewpubs to enjoy time with family and friends. What a great way to show out of town guests the new things going on in Erie.



Something I am looking forward to next summer is the new Erie Farmers Market

that will be held on Thursday evening's beginning on June 18! The market will be held from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wells Street from Briggs to Pierce. I am looking forward to all of the fresh produce, live music and great downtown excitement it will bring.

### HIGHWAY 7

While we wait for King Soopers to break ground, there are businesses out along Highway 7 that need our continued support. Visit the restaurants or coffee shop with your friends and family, or for a great gift idea – grab a gift certificate to share with someone!

### ARAPAHOE ROAD & HIGHWAY 287

We already have one grocery store in Town – let's support it! The Arapahoe Ridge Marketplace Safeway is a great place to shop and keep your dollars in Erie. After you're done shopping – there are great places to stop and feed your appetite! Grab a coffee, pick up a pizza, stop for a sandwich or get an ice cream cone.

### FOUR CORNERS

After you've been to the Erie Community Center for a work-out or a swim with the kids, how easy is it to stop by Walgreens to grab what you need? Stay on the lookout for the opening of JJ's Pub and the opening of the new site of County Line Wine & Spirits. And don't forget to get your personal health care "to do's" taken care of before the end of the year – we've got a Doctor, Dentist and Orthodontist office all so close!

### ERIE COMMONS

Speaking of personal health care - there are also great Dentist and Orthodontist offices here too! And you can't forget about your furry friends. We have a great new Veterinarian for them to see! There are quite a few new businesses in this area: Hunter's Grill and Snowbee PC to name a few!

Share with me other ideas you have to help shop local this winter season at [tharris@erieco.gov](mailto:tharris@erieco.gov).

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tina Harris  
Town of Erie



## TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2014

Town of Erie Property Tax Mill Levies for 2014: 16.567 • General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04\*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44\*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.279 (\$147.07\*) \*Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2014 would be \$461.55.

# HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE PUBLIC ART PROJECT



The list has been narrowed from twelve, down to five. Five artists are now vying for the opportunity to create sculptural artwork as part of the Historic Downtown Erie Public Art Project after successfully submitting their responses to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued by the Town.

During a meeting on October 21, 2014, all twelve responses were reviewed by a special purpose ad hoc committee. During that meeting, the committee narrowed the field down to a group of five semi-finalists based on the artists' responses to the RFQ and their experience. The semi-finalists have been invited to an interview on Monday, November 17. After that interview, the semi-finalists will be further narrowed down and only a few will be invited to present a proposal during a public meeting.

Ultimately, one finalist will be selected based on presentations; interviews and public feedback provided through the Town's social engagement website EngageErie. After the finalist has been selected, the committee will forward their recommendation to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 15th of this year, the Town issued a RFQ seeking qualifications from artists for the Historic Downtown Erie Public Art Project. This one-time project is funded through the generous donation of the Dr. C. W. Bixler Family Foundation. A total of \$43,000 is available to commission an artist to create sculptural artwork that will have a welcoming visual impact and enhance the Downtown Erie guest experience.

The artwork will be installed in the Town-owned landscaped right of way at 554 Briggs Street. The current tenant of adjacent property is Rose Café. There will be pedestrian access to the artwork. The artwork should show a connection to the area and the unique attributes of the Town of Erie. The project was open to any professional artist with demonstrated experience in creating the desired artwork described in this RFQ.

Responses were submitted to the special purpose ad hoc committee for their review and determination. The Special purpose ad hoc committee consists of: 1 Trustee (non-voting), 1 member of the Arts Coalition of Erie, 1 member of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, 2 Historic Downtown business owners and 1 member of the Historic Preservation Board.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

- » RFQ issued - August 15, 2014
- » Deadline for submissions - September 15, 2014
- » Committee review of responses - October 9 - 21, 2014
- » Committee selects Semi-Finalists\* - October 21, 2014
- » Semi-Finalists invited to interview - November 17, 2014
- » Artist presentations/interviews\* - January, 2015
- » Public feedback via EngageErie - January, 2015
- » Finalist selected\* - February, 2015
- » Recommendation to Trustees\* - February, 2015

\* Meetings are open to the public.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Erie will conduct our annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** beginning on Friday, December 26, 2014.

Residents may drop off trees for recycling at Coal Creek Park, located in Historic Downtown Erie at the intersection of Cheesman and Kattell. The designated drop off area is located in the north parking lot and will be clearly marked. Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling through Sunday, January 11, 2015 only.



**Please Note:** The Town will not accept bagged or loose leaves, tree stumps or other yard waste or house waste.

Beginning Tuesday, January 13, 2015 (weather permitting), the Parks Division will mulch the trees and leave the mulch on site for the public to remove and use free of charge. The mulch will be on a first come, first served basis through Monday, March 2, 2015.

For more information, contact the Parks Division at 303-926-2887.



**NO  
SCHOOL  
DAYS**

## WITH CAMP ERIE!

Let your kids celebrate their days off of school by joining Camp Erie!

They'll enjoy climbing, gym games, swimming and arts and crafts.

There will be before and after care available for this program from 7:00 - 9:00 am and again from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- Monday, November 24
- Tuesday, November 25
- Wednesday, November 26
- Monday, December 22
- Tuesday, December 23
- Friday, December 26
- Monday, December 29
- Tuesday, December 30
- Friday, January 2

Registration is available online or in person at the Erie Community Center.

Visit [www.erieco.gov/camperie](http://www.erieco.gov/camperie) for more information and to complete participation forms.

## TOWN OF ERIE HOLIDAY HOURS

### TOWN HALL HOURS

Thursday, November 27: Closed  
Friday, November 28: Closed  
Wednesday, December 24: Closed  
Thursday, December 25: Closed  
Wednesday, December 31: Closed  
Thursday, January 1: Closed

### ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Thursday, November 27: 5:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Friday, November 28: Open Regular Hours  
Wednesday, December 24: 5:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday, December 25: Closed  
Wednesday, December 31: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 1: Closed

# 2014 SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE WINTER EVENTS!

## COUNTRY CHRISTMAS & PARADE OF LIGHTS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ERIE • 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

The Country Christmas Parade of Lights is a beautiful hometown holiday event. The celebration consists of a living nativity scene, choirs performing, free wagon rides, a fun Parade of Lights, and local businesses serving hot chocolate and offering Country Christmas specials.

Visit [www.eriechamber.org](http://www.eriechamber.org) for more information.

## KRIS KRINGLE'S COOKIE FEST



MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER • 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Start your holiday season off with a bang at this year's event! Have your 5-12 year old join us for holiday crafts, cookie decoration and eating, games and much more! Parents are welcome to join with their child. All supplies will be provided. This event is included in the Camp Erie registration fee for December 22. For those not participating in Camp Erie, pre-registration is needed. Register online or in person at the Erie Community Center.



## HOLIDAY FITNESS CHALLENGE

Did you know the average Thanksgiving dinner consists of 3,800 calories?

The Erie Community Center staff would like to challenge you this holiday season to work off those "turkeys!" To participate, pick up your Turkey Challenge Journal from Guest Service. On the back of the journal, you will find "turkey" points designated for different activities.

The goal of this challenge is to collect as many "turkeys" as you can between November 3 and December 18. You obtain a "turkey" by adding your "turkey" points up through the day/week/month. Once you have 50 "turkey" points, turn your Turkey Challenge Journal into Guest Service where they will post a "turkey" on the challenge wall.

Winners will be notified on December 19. Prizes include a frozen turkey for 2nd place and a grand prize of a frozen turkey plus 3 personal training sessions to the overall winner!

**FREE for guests to participate! Call 303-926-2550 for more information.**



For more information & the full Special Events Calendar, visit [www.erieco.gov/specialevents](http://www.erieco.gov/specialevents)

Stay tuned, the 2015 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR will be posted soon!

## PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

### ERIE COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL PASS PROMOTIONS!

See below for special offers beginning December 15!

#### HOLIDAY SPECIAL

DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 31

10% off annual passes + 1 month free when paid in full

5% off annual passes + 1 month free when paid on payment plan

#### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 8

15% off annual passes when paid in full

10% off annual passes when on payment plan

JANUARY 9 - JANUARY 15

10% off annual passes when paid in full

5% off annual passes when on payment plan

For more information, visit the Erie Community Center or call 303-926-2550.



## THE GIFT OF HEALTH!

Not sure what to get your loved ones? Why not give them the gift of health? Gift Certificates in any denomination are available at the Erie Community Center. Stop in today to get one!

### CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Share your ideas and give the Town of Erie feedback! [engage.erieco.gov](http://engage.erieco.gov)



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